

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were pending in the present application. The present Final Office Action (mailed January 12, 2007) rejects claims 1, 2, and 7-12, objects to claims 3-6 and 13-16 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, and indicates that claims 17-48 are allowed. Applicant hereby submits this amendment to place this application in condition for allowance, and as such, respectfully requests that this after-final amendment be entered.

Claim 1 is amended to include the elements of dependent claim 4, thereby effectively re-writing dependent claim 4 in independent form as claim 1. The Final Office Action indicates on page 4 thereof that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now allowable, and as such, this amendment after final should be entered. This amendment is not intended to narrow the scope of that originally presented for dependent claim 4. In view of this amendment, dependent claim 4 is canceled without prejudice.

Further, dependent claims 3, 5, 6, and 13 are each amended herein to be rewritten in independent form. The Final Office Action indicates on page 4 thereof that each of claims 3, 5, 6, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now allowable, and as such, these amendments after final should be entered.. These amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of that originally presented for dependent claims 3, 5, 6, and 13, respectively.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes a fee of \$800.00 is due with this response. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1078, under Order No. 10030838-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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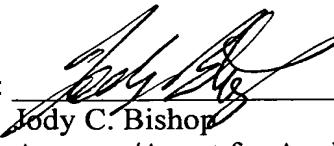
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